

Gagetown School PARENT PAGE Special Edition District Heritage Fair Results

Congratulations Brooke, Brendon, Sarah, Abbi, Ally, Hunter, Rebecca, Mackenzie, Libby and Rory for an excellent showing at the Regional Heritage Fair. The competition was high caliber and your attitudes, behavior and workmanship reflected Gagetown in the best ways. What a grand day it was.

Students came from Hubbard, Cambridge Narrows, Summerhill, Lincoln, Geary, Harold Peterson, O.H.S., Ridgeview, Minto and, of course, Gagetown Schools. The gym layout was similar to our school fair, with wonderful costumes, projects, displays and computer visuals. The day included introductory remarks by The Honourable Graydon Nicholas, Lieutenant Governor, David McTimoney, Superintendent, School District 17, Her Worship, Fay Tidd, Mayor of Oromocto and Marty Forsythe, District Education Council Chair among others. Hubbard Avenue School Choir sang several beautiful selections and the Welamooktook Singers welcomed us with drumming and chanting.

The students then formed groups to participate in three workshops. A lively Kings Landing workshop had the girls trying on dresses from the 1800's fashion line and the boys learned to make a wooden bucket, just as children their age would have done. A game of, What is it and What does it do? hosted by Susan Shalala of Queens County Heritage examined artifacts from early Loyalist settlers. And lastly, Bob McNeil displayed potential internet searches for our ancestors. He also provided a handout to help your whole family get started!

After lunch, the project displays continued until the closing and award celebration. Medals, trophies, and certificates were awarded for various prizes and Gagetown ranked high on honors!

Of our five wonderful projects, three garnered special awards:

Rory and Libby received a trophy for Maple Syrup Production Then and Now. Sarah, representing a grade 8 group project, Gagetown History, Houses and Hauntings, took home a trophy, and Mackenzie took home a video camera for her work on Horse Racing on Ice in Gagetown. The video camera now goes to work as Mackenzie has the challenge, like 19 other Canadian youth heritage fair winners, to create a three minute video of her project to be shown on the internet where Canada may vote on its favorite. The winner will get a trip to Ottawa! Watch for the dates and log on to cast your vote!

Sarah, Abbi, Ally, Hunter and Rebecca won the NB Historic Places Award

Rory and Libby won the NB Museum Award of Merit

Mackenzie won the Young Citizens Award



Gagetown School *PARENT PAGE* *Special Edition* *Opening of Environmental Park*

On Monday, May 7th, Gagetown School celebrated the opening of the new Environmental Park and trail. We had visitors from Cambridge Narrows Community School Nature club, parents, community members, MLA Ross Wetmore, DEC Chairman Marty Forsythe, and Jody Carr, Minister of Education attending our opening ceremonies. Members of the press were also on hand taking photos and interviewing students.

Once the ribbon was cut at the gazebo, students and teachers travelled to 6 different centers around and in the school to complete hands-on activities related to science and nature.

Ducks Unlimited taught the students about the importance of preserving our wetlands in a game called Migration. By the end of the game, there were unfortunately many "Dead Ducks", as students raced through obstacles to find fewer "wetland" foam squares to land on.

The volunteers from Nature NB brought fossils and skulls and the students were treated to "dirt" pudding. Lorna Scott conducted a tour of the trail which also included a Trail Quiz as students learned about the insects, plants, trees, birds and animals at each stop. Renee Houlihan played Nature Bingo where kids had to look for small objects hidden in the tall grass and shrubs.

Inside the school, students made fish and animal prints on bags to take home, learned about the migration of the Monarch Butterfly and packaged milkweed seeds. The camera aimed at the Osprey nest was also projecting images of the bird's morning activities.

Thank you to Renee and Lorna for spear heading this project and organizing the activities. Also thanks to the many volunteers who tend to the garden, bird houses and feeders throughout the year. Gagetown School has by far, the most beautiful and diverse playground in District 17.

